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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Current Interest Items

1. Early Retirement Bill

Our bill was passed by the Senate on 25 September. We have no timetable for acceptance of the Senate version by the House and approval by the President. While we cannot predict that the House will accept the Senate version, we have been assured that the Armed Services Committee will support House acceptance. Also, it appears that the problem with BOB over the "approval of regulations" provision has been resolved with the cooperation of the Acting Attorney General.

The ad hoc group formed to coordinate our regulation has met daily and the members have concurred in a final draft. There are a few technical adjustments to make to have the regulation ready for General Carter's review at a meeting scheduled for the afternoon of 26 September. Assuming General Carter's approval of the regulation, the next step will be to coordinate it with BOB and the House and Senate Armed Services Committee. We can begin this process on an informal basis as soon as the House has acted on the bill.

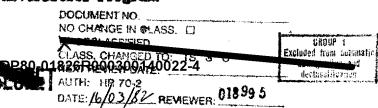
The critical portions of the regulation in the coordination process will, we believe, be those on criteria for participation and on appeals. The rest of the regulation is for the most part taken from the bill with additional material based on the Civil Service retirement or Foreign Service retirement regulations as appropriate.

Some form of internal Agency procedural issuance will be needed as the system is put into operation but the regulation provides basic authorities and procedures to permit application of the system before formal adoption of such procedures.

We have obtained a listing of personnel who will meet the age and length of service requirements for voluntary or involuntary retirement and who may have five years of overseas service — the machine records on overseas service are not completely accurate. This list might well be screened by the Career Services to identify those eligible on the basis of their current career status for nomination as participants to facilitate early action in those cases in which the first retirements under the system might be expected. Additional listings including all potentially eligible personnel would be screened subsequently.

2. Recruitment Brochure

The final text and dummy layout were received 25 September and delivered to the Printing Services Division. It is estimated that printing will take four weeks but it is possible that a small advance run can be made before the end of the 100 Universities Program.



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This edition of the brochure will be a substantial improvement over earlier editions. It appears that there will be a corresponding increase in its cost, but we have no estimates as yet.

Retroautive Pay Raise

We have been in touch with the General Counsel's office regarding the applicability of the rider passed by the House and Senate to authorize retroactive pay raises in certain instances not covered in the August 1964 Act. Categories not covered by the Act or the Comptroller General's decision which may be covered by the rider include executive and SPS scales and Type A contract employees paid at CS-rates. We expect a formal determinstion by the General Counsel early in the week of 28 September.

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Senator Dodd's office has been furnished information concerning case which the Senator needed in presenting 25X1A9a request to him to arrange on appointment for her with the President. No date has been set as yet for this visit.

5. Exercise Room Participation in the Agency Exercise Room increased for the fourth successive week. Participants last week totaled 165, an increase of 38 over the previous week. Collections were only 85% less than they should have been at 35¢ per visit.

After the first four weeks of operation, 454 participants have registered to use the exercise room.

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6. Detail to the White House The Agency has agreed to the indefinite extension of OB-3, Clerk, to the White House.

/s/ Emmitt D. Echols

Emmett D. Schole Director of Personnel

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